

Minutes

Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee

June 21, 2006

Called to order at 10:03

Adjourned at 12:00

Location: Ramada Oceanfront Plaza, VB

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Meeting called by:
Morris Reece

Chair: Morris Reece

OEMS Staff: Paul Sharpe, Russ Stamm, Jodi Kuhn.

Attendees: Ajai Malhotra, Andi Wright, Barbara Hawkins, Carol Smithson, Don Wilson, DJ Douglas, Elton Mabry, Jeff Young, Jon Donnelly, Kathy Butler, Kevin Dwyer, Krista Henderson, Leonard Weireter, Linda Sayles, Lisa Wells, Lou Ann Miller, Maureen Waller, Nancy Martin, R. Bland Lawson, Rao Ivatory, Sonia Cooper, Stanley Heatwole, Tiffany Keyes, Valeria Mitchell

Agenda Topics

Introductions

Donald Douglas (DJ), the new trauma coordinator from Montgomery Regional Hospital was introduced. Tiffany Keyes, ED Director from Martinsville Memorial hospital and Krista Henderson, PI Coordinator from Roanoke Memorial were also introduced as new members to the committee.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were distributed electronically before the meeting and in hard copy format at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was by made Barbara Hawkins and seconded by Sonia Cooper. Kathy Butler request to strike first line of UVA's, radiology report. The April 6, 2006 minutes were accepted as amended.

Chair

The Chair request the minutes reflect his comments commending the many efforts and advances that have been made since Paul Sharpe assumed his position. Don Wilson on TPI, the committee is looking at trauma deaths in all hospitals statewide and also lengths of stay statewide. The committee will review outliers such as extended stays in non designated hospitals. OEMS to have this info available for the committee by July 14, the next meeting is July 27. Info will be sent to regions as aggregate data for their use with regional TPI. Within the regions, councils along with local hospitals, designated trauma centers and EMS agencies can decide if the findings are an indication for change in their region and how to best deal with it on a local level.

OEMS Report

Paul informed the committee of the recent Institute of Medicine ([IOM](#)) reports that have come out recently. There are three new reports; "The Future of Emergency Care in the United States Health System", "Hospital-Based Emergency Care" and "Emergency Care for Children". These reports should prove very significant to driving change to EMS and trauma in the future.

The OEMS Trauma Coordinator wanted to inform the committee of other efforts occurring in the OEMS Division of Trauma/Critical Care:

- i. Trauma/Critical Care Program includes
 1. Medevac System

- a. Staff Medevac Committee
 - b. Medevac Best Practices
 - c. In cooperation with Regulation/Compliance we are developing comprehensive Air Medical Regulations
2. PPCR program
 - a. Collects data from ~750 EMS Agencies Quarterly
 - b. Working on replacing the current system with a State of the Art NEMSIS compliant Electronic pcr (EMR)
3. Virginia Poison Control Network
 - a. Current contract will end with FY07
 - b. Examining Service areas of each center
 - c. Working with network for increased funding
4. EMS for Children
 - a. Once the current program ends it will move to the OEMS Div. of TCC. EMSC was added by *Code* language as one of OEMS' missions.
5. EMS Performance Improvement
 - a. There is growing national attention to EMS PI/research.
 - b. The Div. of TCC has requested a fulltime EMS PI Cood.
6. Durable Do Not Resuscitate
 - a. DDNR was moved to the Div. of TCC in February, only small changes have been at this point, this program is in great need of outreach and education to health care providers or all levels.

As required within the trauma center designation criteria a request for a motion was made to accept Patrick Earnest and Sonia Cooper as site reviewers. A motion to accept Patrick and Sonia as site reviewers was made by Kathy Butler and Seconded by Dr. Dwyer, after a unanimous vote Patrick and Sonia were accepted as new site reviewers.

This years site reviews are as follows:

1. VCU - 9/12-Weireter
2. CMC – 10/3 – Weireter
3. MRMC – 11/7 – Dwyer
4. CNRVMC – 11/14 - Dwyer
5. SSRMC – 11/16 - Young
6. SNGH – 11/30 – Dwyer
7. WMC – 12/12 – Young

As requested by Ric Cole; the plan for the modified follow up visit will be for Roanoke Memorial to submit as much information in advance as they can reflected how the have corrected items from their last site review. A follow up site review will be held the first week of October, based on Dr. Cole traveling back from his new position in Washington State. This visit will include the Team Leader, Administrative Site Reviewer and the OEMS Trauma Coordinator.

TNC Report

Virginia TNC's sponsored a meeting at the ACS Point Counter Point conference. The TNC wish to thank our speakers from our level I centers.

Nancy Martin introduced the concept of developing a trauma nurse specialist position in Virginia. Iowa, Missouri and Illinois all have a similar program. The TNC's will explore this project more and meet with Paul and Gary Brown to see if the OEMS EMS Provider certification structure can be used for this project.

Trauma Center Updates

CJW's focus this summer is to work on disaster training and RHCC. Two decon drills will be conducted on both campus' in July. ICS training will also be provided through a sister hospital's security ICS lessons learned. PI activity increasing within the trauma program. CJW is experiencing a decrease in patient volume and staffing due to the new hospital in the area. A trauma course is being planned.

Sentara Norfolk General; Valeria shared with Dr. Cole our best wishes. A going away party was held last evening. SNGH is filling a PA position and have one PA serving in Iraq. The TNC role was reviewed and the workload adjusted. On August 20th. A fund raiser with the Red Nights will be held. The fund raiser, held annually, is a "poker run", all are welcome to attend.

Riverside Regional; Dr. Lawson reports a new surgeon will join the program in two weeks. RRM trauma program staff will be working on a new EMS/PI program. A new ED director who is trauma trained/based has begun at the hospital.

Inova, Fairfax; Maureen will be making an offer to a new NP. Still looking for another. Dr. Fakhry visited Japan in participation of the Honda sponsored CIREN project, this grant was continued. Fairfax staff going to Munich to present on lower extremity injuries. There is a new neuron-surgeon on staff that is an Inova employee and trauma call is part of their related duties. Currently there are three "Inova" orthopedist and a fourth is hoped to be filled. Regional outreach coming along and are going to hit each hospital starting in September. Four topics were submitted to AAST. Accepted all four, one presentation and three posters.

VCU; Underwent a recent JCAHO visit and received Magnet status, Current have three staff NP's on the floors and a staff NP in the ICU's and they are working out well. Recent successful burn class (ABLS). Dr. Ivatory reports trauma program patients increasing greatly. ACS Point Counter Point; Dr. Mall was pleased with the participation. A symposium disaster pilot class will be held on Saturday the first week of August. Dr.'s Freiberg, Aboutanous and Hamlin will be hosting. One oral report and two posters submitted to AAST for 2006.

UVA; UVA is undergoing magnet today.

Sentara, Virginia Beach General; The Trauma Fund working internally for the use of trauma. SVBGH is seeing a 30% increase in volume with the tourism season beginning. A new VP has been put in place, but the alignment of the trauma program stayed under the direction of the same administrator despite their promotion. There have been some clarifications with the use of Medevac internally and with local EMS agencies. Working on nursing education, injury prevention through drunk driver pre-prom education. PI is looking at turn around times for night shift radiology with the use of a virtual radiologist.

Martinsville Memorial; Martinsville is looking at trauma center designation, but need further development of surgery service.

Carilion, Roanoke; Roanoke is going to the "Mayo Clinic" model. Carilion recently acquired Stonewall Jackson Hospital and hired as their CNO the head nurse from Roanoke's ED. Penetrating trauma cases are up. Security issues being looked at; there has been approval to renovate the ICU area to make it more secure. Injury prevention efforts have been on ATV trauma. Roanoke will host a trauma symposium on December 14th. At the hotel Roanoke. Physician CE's being added. A new PI coordinator, Krista Henderson, has been added to the program. She is certified in health care quality. A new surgeon from San Diego has been hired and hoping for an additional NP to help with trauma clinic.

Winchester Memorial; Winchester's site review is in December. A new orthopedist begins next month. Performing injury prevention and nursing education outreach.

Lynchburg General; MedFlight III's 5th year anniversary will be held on September 16th. The trauma program will be hosting a trauma symposium at Lynchburg college. Centra has recently affiliated with Farmville Hospital. Ground has been broken at LGH for a new cancer center. Have changed to a three level trauma alert, using Carolinas model. Two studies being performed, pain management in the ED and the use of standing orders. Those patients injured in association with ETOH now receive some sort of contact.

Southside Regional Medical Center; SSRMC preparing for site review. Working on trauma PI with regional EMS. Looking at ways to educate the ED staff and then extend it to the ICU and floor. The new Hospital ground breaking will be this year.

Montgomery Regional Hospital; MRH has a new trauma medical director, Randall Lester. Former medical director, Hugh Jenkins, will continue as the co director. MRH has a new registrar and is actively recruiting surgeons. ED hoping to go to EMR. Injury prevention has been focused on gun locks and education. Bi-monthly continuing education being offered to EMS. TNCC has been provided Scott Hill. MRH has a new hospital CEO.

Old Business

Dr. Young presented the finding of a work group made of a trauma surgeon from each level one trauma center. The group was tasked with looking at how centers that were ACS designated could have this taken into consideration when undergoing a state site review. Lengthy discussion was held on several ways of attempting to accomplish this. The conclusion was that the current criteria and application process already includes the ability to submit other supporting documentation, i.e. ACS findings, and that site review teams choose which areas their focus needs to be placed. It was agreed that we already have the ability to consider outside information and also the ability within the site review team adapt the site review to areas that the team feels are needed.

New Business

None

Scheduled Meetings

2006 Meeting Schedule

Full Committee Meetings:

Thursday September 7th. "The Place"

Thursday, December 7th. "The Place"

2007 Meeting Schedule: (location to be announced)

- March 1, 2007
- June part of trauma conference n/a
- September 6, 2007
- December 6, 2007